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The Garden of Hope, located at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre's (SCC) Urban Camp, donated approximately 20,000 pounds of produce to the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre and St. Mary's Community School on Tuesday afternoon. Dignitaries from the provincial government, the City of Saskatoon and the Urban Camp celebrated this year's harvest with traditional drumming, dancing and blessings from Pastor Dave Meir of the SCC's Chaplaincy Group and elder Peter Bunnie. Visit metronews.ca for more photos of the event. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Wallin expense scandal: Farewell, my condominium

After the audit. Senator selling N.Y.C. home in wake of order to repay tens of thousands of dollars by Sept. 16

With the deadline looming to pay back her excessive Senate expenses, Pamela Wallin is in the midst of selling her studio condominium in New York.

The condo, described in the real-estate listing as a "functional and charming," 47-square-metre apartment, carries a $349,000 US selling price — $30,000 less than Wallin paid to buy it in 2005.

The listing has been up since June, but it now says the property has been "in contract" since August, which means that a potential sale is underway.

The condominium is part of Plaza Towers, on East 60th Street, between Lexington and Park avenues.

"Plaza Towers is a proper, 'White Glove' Coop with 24/7 doorman, full-time concierge, covered circular driveway, storage bins and bicycle room," the ad boasts.

The listing also features photos of the "high-end" renovation and décor inside the condo — granite countertops and "ample" shelves that also help hide away a convenient Murphy bed. New York property records show that Wallin paid $379,000 for the apartment in June 2005.

Earlier this year, Wallin told Torstar News Service she rarely used the apartment: "I have for many years owned a small bachelor apartment in New York for personal use, which is infrequent given my workload," she said.

Wallin has until Sept. 16 to pay back tens of thousands of dollars in inappropriate expenses she charged to the Senate in the five years since Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed her to the chamber.

Auditors and a subsequent Senate committee probe found that Wallin owed $138,969 in all. So far, she has paid back $38,000, though she has also said that the audit was "fundamentally flawed and unfair."

Wallin bought the condominium in June 2005, toward the end of her term as Canada's consul-general in New York — an appointment she received from former prime minister Jean Chrétien.

In a 2006 interview, when her consular term was up, she said she was looking forward to spending part of her time in New York as a special adviser on Canadian affairs to The Americas Society. "I'm really going to enjoy being a civilian in New York for a change," Wallin told the Ottawa Citizen.

Neither Wallin nor the New York real estate agent in charge of the listing replied to queries on Tuesday about the condo sale. METROLAND NEWS SERVICE

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Mexalictus sheffieldi

Saskatchewan abuzz over bee-moniker honour

There's a buzz going around Saskatchewan about the name of a new bee species.

The bee has been named after the Royal Saskatchewan Museum's curator of invertebrate zoology, Cory Sheffield.

Mexalictus sheffieldi, from the mountains of Guatemala, is one of 21 new species of Meso-American bees described in a paper recently published out of York University.

Sheffield is a leading expert on Canadian bees.

He discovered the species while examining a vial of specimens collected in 1987 by researchers at the Canadian National Collection.

The single bee specimen named for Sheffield is at York University for future study.

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Controversial treatment

Advocate upset MS liberation therapy clinical trial stopped

A Saskatchewan advocate for the so-called liberation multiple sclerosis therapy says she's disappointed and sad that a clinical trial has been cancelled.

Michelle Walsh argues now is not the time to back down on testing the therapy that involves opening blocked neck veins.

Saskatchewan had planned to spend $2.2 million to have 86 patients join the trial at a medical centre in Albany, N.Y.

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Developer hoping to rejuvenate Riversdale

The Banks. $40-million building got approval and is being promoted as an 'opportunity for urban renewal'

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Chris Le Fevre wants his Banks development project to stand out.

The Victoria-based property owner's plan to erect a four-storey building on 20th Street near the farmers' market in Riversdale received its final stamp of approval from city council on Monday night.

"I had been in the development approval process for some months and this, I would say, was the perfection of all that work," said Le Fevre. "We are ready to go."

With apartment units, townhouses as well as workspaces for artisans and professionals, he said the Banks should be a unique structure that appeals to a wide variety of people.

"They start at just under $200,000 and go up to just under $500,000," he said. "So it's not a bunch of high-end products for a select few — it's a broad parameter."

This isn't the first time Le Fevre has tried to spruce up inner-city areas. He has primarily worked in Victoria, but is also in the process of completing 16 townhouses on Avenue D South called the Edge.

"I saw the opportunity for urban renewal down there in Riversdale and that was a compelling attraction to me," he said.

Randy Pshebylo, executive director at Riversdale Business Improvement District, said the Banks is the latest in a series of transformations for Riversdale.

"We've always been classified as low-income social housing or rental housing, and now we're seeing a mix," said Pshebylo.

"That just makes it more attractive for the graduate student who may be working in an accounting firm downtown and just came out of university in May."

Construction on the $40-million building begins next March and should be complete by 2016.

Chris Le Fevre displays the plan for his Banks building in the Riversdale neighbourhood of Saskatoon, which is slated for completion in late 2016. JACOB MORGAN/METRO

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Ponder before you puff.
Pot can trigger psychosis in those prone to it: Study

A national study on pot use and psychosis released by the Schizophrenia Society of Canada (SSC) on Tuesday shows the drug can trigger and worsen psychosis in young people already prone to the psychiatric disorder.

The research is part of an SSC project funded by Health Canada that aims to give young people pause before they light their first joint.

"Hopefully it'll inform kids as to whether or not to use cannabis based on a knowledge of their family's (mental-health) history," explained SSC CEO Chris Summerville.

"Does marijuana specifically in and by itself cause a mental illness? No. But does it make your risk greater? Yes."

Summerville said past research has shown young people who are already vulnerable to psychosis are four to seven times more likely to become ill.

The recently completed four-year study, led by Dr. Katherine Boydell at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, saw 28 young people who had both used pot and experienced psychosis chosen as research assistants to lead interviews, focus groups and workshops with 50 other young people with similar experiences.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

How it works

According to the Schizophrenic Society of Canada, scientists think cannabis can cause psychosis because it interrupts neurotransmitters, like dopamine, which can interfere with the brain's communication systems.

The Arctic. Three dead in daytime helicopter crash

Three people are dead after a Canadian Coast Guard helicopter crashed in Arctic waters during a routine patrol to check ice conditions.

The helicopter had been stationed on the icebreaker Amundsen, which was sailing through M'Clure Strait in the western Arctic as part of a program of scientific study.

Those killed have been identified as Marc Thibault, commanding officer of the ship, helicopter pilot Daniel Dube and Klaus Hochheim, a veteran University of Manitoba Arctic scientist.

"We are deeply affected by this tragedy," said Mario Pelletier, the coast guard's assistant commissioner. "Our deepest condolences go to the families of our colleagues, who we like to think of as our friends.

"We lost contact with the helicopter. The ship made its way to the last known position and found three persons in the water."

Pelletier said weather conditions at the time of the crash Monday were good. The accident occurred during daylight.

All three who died were wearing safety equipment at the time, Pelletier said.

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Charter of Values pits career against faith

Quebec. Politicians swiftly condemn plan to ban religious symbols for public employees

Quebec would become the only jurisdiction in North America to impose a sweeping ban on religious clothing for public employees, including at schools, hospitals and courthouses, under a "Charter of Values" whose details were released Tuesday.

If adopted, the plan would apply to hijabs, kippas, turbans and large crucifixes worn by religious public servants.

It would impose a career-or-faith dilemma on judges, police, and prosecutors; public daycare workers; teachers and school employees; hospital workers; municipal personnel; and employees at state-run liquor stores and the auto-insurance board.

The early reaction suggests the plan will not pass in the current legislature in its present form, which leaves two likely outcomes: it will either be watered down for adoption now or kept intact for later use as an election issue when the Parti Quebecois seeks a majority government.

The minister responsible for the plan presented it as a guarantor of equality within a secular state.

"The time has come to unite us around clear values and common rules," said minister Bernard Drainville. "Quebec is increasingly a multiethnic, multireligious society. This is a great source of richness. It's also why we need clear rules."

A woman wears a niqab as she walks in Montreal. If adopted, the ban would also apply to hijabs, kippas, turbans and large crucifixes worn by religious public servants. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The plan released Tuesday stems from the pro-independence party's election platform a year ago and from a longer-term shift toward identity-politics populism.

The details were swiftly slammed by much of the political class.

The federal government announced that it will seek the advice of the Department of Justice and then head to court if the proposal is deemed to violate fundamental rights. Both main Montreal mayoral candidates also vigorously condemned the idea.

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'We need clear rules'

Plan appears inconsistent

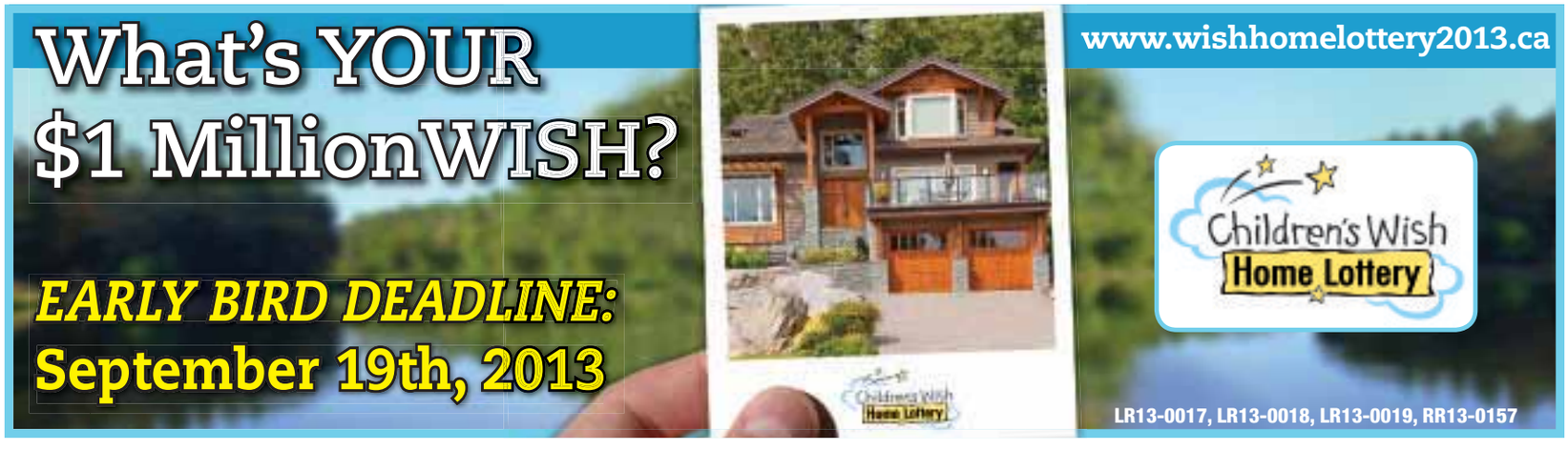
The enormous crucifix on the property above Montreal's Mount Royal will be spared. So will the cross that looms above the legislative chamber. The PQ's logic is that Quebec has a heritage to protect.

Minister Bernard Drainville grappled with questions about other inconsistencies.

Would elected officials be subject to these rules? No, he replied; voters have a right to choose their representative. That means Quebecers could elect a premier with a hijab — who would then force her employees to remove theirs.

What about courtroom witnesses and elected politicians who still swear an oath on the Bible?

"Oh, my God," Drainville replied. "We'll get back to you." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Asia

25% of men in six Asian countries have raped: Study

About one in four men in some parts of Asia admitted raping a woman, according to the first large studies of rape and sexual violence. About one in 10 admitted raping a woman who was not their partner.

International researchers said their startling finding should change perceptions about how common violence against women is and prompt major campaigns to prevent it.

In the new research, male interviewers surveyed more than 10,000 men in Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea.

"It's clear violence against women is far more widespread in the general population than we thought," said Rachel Jewkes of South Africa's Medical Research Council, who led the two studies.

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India

Gang rapists guilty on all 11 counts

A court convicted four men Tuesday in the deadly gang rape of a young woman on a New Delhi bus, a brutal crime that galvanized public anger over the widespread — yet widely tolerated — sexual violence faced by Indian women.

The men face the possibility of hanging.

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Switzerland

Swiss lawmakers raise legal age for prostitution to 18

Lawmakers in Switzerland, where prostitution is legal, have agreed to make it a criminal act to pay for sex with anyone who is under 18 years old.

The legal age for prostitution would rise to 18 years, up from 16, under an amendment passed by the lower house unanimously Tuesday.

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China. Boy who had eyes gouged gets implants

A six-year-old Chinese boy whose eyes were gouged out received implants Tuesday at a hospital in southern China owned by a Hong Kong doctor who offered the operation after learning about the brutal attack.

The implants are a precursor to fitting the boy with prosthetic eyes that will look and move more like normal eyes, but do not restore vision. Doctors at the C-MER (Shenzhen) Dennis Lam Eye Hospital also plan to fit Guo Bin — nicknamed Bin Bin — with navigation sensors that would allow the boy to get around on his own in familiar places.

"As his parents, we are full of hope," the boy's father, Guo Zhiping, said over the phone while waiting for the surgery to finish. "We have yet to tell him that his vision would be lost forever."

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U.S. President Barack Obama addresses the nation in a live televised speech from the East Room of the White House on Tuesday. Obama blended the threat of military action with the hope of a diplomatic solution as he works to strip Syria of its chemical weapons. EVAN VUCCI-POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Obama pitches Syria strike to U.S.

Chemical weapons. President advocates diplomacy in address to nation, but insists he will 'be ready to respond' if measures fail

U.S. President Barack Obama made an impassioned pitch to Americans on Tuesday night to support his push to punish Syria for purportedly gassing its own citizens, assuring a war-weary nation that a military strike is necessary because "this is not a world we should accept."

"When dictators commit atrocities, they depend upon the world to look the other way until those horrifying pictures fade from memory," Obama said in a televised address from the White House at the end of a day of breakneck developments on the Syrian crisis.

"But these things happened. The facts cannot be denied. The question now is what the United States of America and the international community is prepared to do about it, because what happened to those people — to those children — is not only a violation of international law, it's also a danger to our security."

Obama took to the airwaves amid hopes that a diplomatic solution is at hand, one engineered by Russia, a frequent U.S. antagonist and Syrian ally. Bashar Assad's regime said it's accepted Russia's proposal to place its chemical weapons under international control for subsequent dismantling.

Such a move, if sincerely implemented, could avert the need for American military intervention in the war-torn Middle Eastern country. The Russian proposal hit a snag later Tuesday, however, when Russian President Vladimir Putin objected to a French proposal involving the United Nations Security Council.

Nonetheless, Obama said he'd asked Congress to postpone a vote on authorizing a military strike in Syria as Secretary of State John Kerry heads to Geneva on Thursday to meet with his Russian counterpart to discuss a possible resolution.

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War-weary country

"I will not pursue an open-ended action like Iraq or Afghanistan.... This would be a targeted strike ... deterring the use of chemical weapons."

U.S. President Barack Obama

School suspends student convicted of sexual assault

Saint Mary's University has suspended one of its students after the 24-year-old Halifax man pleaded guilty on Tuesday to sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl.

Konstanty "Kostek" Bedoa-Gorski entered a guilty plea during a court appearance Tuesday in Halifax, the CBC reports.

Bedoa-Gorski was the girl's soccer coach at the time of the incident last fall.

"He has been barred from campus," a release from Saint Mary's University said on Tuesday following the guilty plea. "A disciplinary hearing will be held as soon as possible."

In court on Tuesday, the CBC reports the judge had released Bedoa-Gorski from custody so he would have time to finish his semester. His sentencing is scheduled for December.

The south-end Halifax university has been under fire for the past week over a pro-rape chant led by some student representatives during a frosh week event.

"Y is for your sister ... U is for underage, N is for no consent," the group cheered.

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Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks during a product announcement on Tuesday in Cupertino, Calif. The company launched two new iPhone models that will run iOS 7. The 5C is made from a hard-coated polycarbonate and comes in five colours. The 5S comes in three colours — silver, gold and "space grey" — and features a fingerprint sensor, an upgraded camera and an A7 chip. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Apple covers high, low ends with iPhone launch

Sept. 20 release.
5C aims for cheap and cheerful, while 5S aims to set 'gold standard'

Apple's latest iPhones will come in a bevy of colours and two distinct designs, one made of plastic and the other that aims to be "the gold standard of smartphones" and reads your fingerprint.

Apple unveiled the latest iPhone models, available on Sept. 20 in Canada and many other countries, during an event at its Cupertino, Calif., headquarters. The move comes as rival phones from Samsung and other manufacturers are challenging Apple's hold on the smartphone market.

The lower-cost iPhone 5C will be available in five colours — green, blue, yellow, pink and white. It has a four-inch retina display and is powered by Apple's A6 chip. It also has an eight-megapixel camera, live photo filters and a rear cover that lights up.

Apple also said its next mobile operating system, iOS 7, will be available as a free download on Sept. 18.

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One-per-centers

Income gap in U.S. hits record

The income gap between the richest one per cent and the rest of America widened to a record last year. The top one per cent of U.S. earners collected 19.3 per cent of household income in 2012, their largest share in Internal Revenue Service figures going back a century. U.S. income inequality has been growing for almost three decades.

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Telecom. Open industry to foreign players: Bell CEO

Foreign-investment restrictions should be lifted for big telecom companies to allow the market to decide how many wireless competitors Canada can support, Bell CEO George Cope said Tuesday.

"There's nothing to be afraid of. Bring the competition on," he told the annual BMO media and telecom conference.

Big telecoms such as Bell, Telus and Rogers are restricted under federal rules from being more than 33-per-cent foreign owned, while small players with less than 10-per-cent market share have no limits.

The change in rules were a move by the federal government to increase competition in the sector. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"There's nothing to be afraid of. Bring the competition on."

Bell CEO George Cope, speaking at an annual media and telecom conference

Plastic pounds. BoE mulls replacing paper banknotes

Britain is pondering plastic pounds. The Bank of England is considering replacing paper money with polymer banknotes which are billed as cleaner, stronger and more secure.

The bank said Tuesday it will hold a public consultation, bringing samples of plastic money to shopping centres so that members of the public can feel the difference.

Polymer banknotes — made from transparent plastic film coated with layers of ink — are used by countries including Canada, Australia and Mexico.

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So much for higher education.

Here's what school spirit sounds like in 2013: "Y is for your sister"; "O is for oh-so-tight"; "U is for underage"; "N is for no consent" and "G is for go to jail."

That now-infamous rape chant was an integral part of frosh week at the UBC Sauder School of Business and (a similar version at) Saint Mary's University in Halifax this year, and who knows where else — a version was featured in Yale's hallowed Ivy League halls a couple of years ago.

Make no mistake, this chant was led by student leaders. Apparently, that's what "student leader" means. Someone who will lead your kids down the garden path and make them think that raping female children is just frosh hijinks, along with chugging quarts of beer or setting fire to your underpants.

So, parents, you might ask your own freshmen what's on their frosh agenda. Not that they'll tell you, if this is any indication of what they're up to.

You might not believe it if you hadn't seen the video of fresh-faced young men AND women gleefully joining the chant at Saint Mary's. Thanks to social media, there aren't as many dark corners as there used to be. Or, more accurately, the corners are still dark; they're just more likely to be exposed.

The grown-ups allegedly in charge at UBC and Saint Mary's are behaving like deer caught in the headlights. Applying feverish damage control: lots of public declarations of chagrin, frosh-week funding cuts, inquiries and demands for the resignations of the bozos responsible. We'll give them the benefit of the doubt, but let's not be naïve. At Saint Mary's, at least, the chant is a tradition. It's been going on for 10 years.

They're all so surprised the student body has fleas. Maybe it's an honest surprise, not just a butt-covering surprise, but they're too quick, IMHO, to characterize the rape chant as an aberration, something wicked that crept in the back door that somehow hijacked otherwise morally upright kids.

This from the Sauder school dean Robert Helsley: "I couldn't believe it. It's so inconsistent with everything we try to teach our students, and inconsistent with our student body. They are incredibly bright, energetic young people who want to make a positive contribution to society."

Right. Campus Jungle 101: Who wants to be the Lord of the Flies?

Let me put this to every member of the student body: You're only as strong as your weakest link. If you dismiss this as the work of a few harmless troglodytes, just remember that's your sister they're braying about.

ZOOM

Darling, it's better under the sea

MARC HENAUER/SOLENT NEWS

Alpine park turns into water world

For one month of the year in the Alps, a green meadow is transformed into a underwater world by the melting snow of the mountains.

At the Green Lake in Tragoess, Austria, visitors trade hiking boots for scuba gear to explore the flooded park. Marc Henauer from Perly, Switzerland, visited the park with his wife and snapped the mesmerizing views of the area.

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Photographer's view

"It felt like I was swimming in a magical world — it was so beautiful. Swimming over the green grass, rocks and trees — it was like being in a fairy tale."

Marc Henauer, 39, scuba diver and photographer from Perly, Switzerland

Awesome thaw

- **Lake in depth.** Twelve metres of water is how deep the Green Lake becomes after snow thaws and water submerges the surrounding grass, trees and park benches. In the autumn and winter the lagoon in the park is normally only one metre deep.
- **Green water.** The lake's distinctive green hue is the result of the chlorophyll-rich grass and foliage.

While in France a lake turns red

This Austrian water park is not the only unusual yet natural lake phenomenon in Europe.

A lake in Camargue in southern France turns red thanks to an interaction between the water's high salt content and microorganisms. Salt-loving micro-algae called Dunaliella salina feed on the crystals, producing a reddish pink pigment.

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So the curtain was lifted on the newest iPhone Tuesday, which means the iPhone users among us are looking at our still-amazing pieces of technology with at least a little disdain. Rekindle that old flame with some new games.

Giant Boulder Of Death: Somewhat surprisingly, Adult Swim has become one of the App Store's most dependable publishers, a streak that continues with this destructive take on the Katamari series. Take control of a romantically jilted boulder and create as much chaos as possible while rolling toward revenge. Hugely fun and totally free. (iOS/Free)

Warhammer Quest: A dungeon-crawler adaptation of the classic tabletop strategy game that tasks you with killing everything standing in your way as you move from settlement to settlement. Simple sounding stuff, sure, but the gameplay is deep enough to carry it. However, leaving the development of your characters at the mercy of random dice rolls can be a bit of a drag. (iOS/$4.99)

Ninjin: The ninja-rabbit simulator you've been waiting for has finally arrived. Equip yourself with an arsenal of unique weapons and lace together combos while putting the boots to a wide variety of enemies in a wildly fun side-scrolling beat-'em-up. The demo is free, so what's the harm in trying? (iOS/$0.99)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Apple unveiled a new iPhone + improved iOS. What would you have liked to see in the new gadget?

@PXAbstraction: Something beyond a spec bump, an (even) uglier iOS and a fingerprint scanner everyone will turn off after a week.

@eh_c: Bundle with fedora, skinny jeans, and Ray-Bans.

@BrianBlatnicki: Simple. Give it killer battery life!!!

@paulvt: Looks like I have to wait for the iPhone6 for DNA analysis and sobriety testing.

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Robert De Niro has played both spectrums of the gangster flick but he returns to the humorous side of the genre with The Family. HANDOUT

Le Cosa Nostra not so serious

New movies. From killers to killers of comedy, the gangster movie genre bends to both sides of the spectrum but never breaks

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For every serious mafia drama like Carlito's Way, there is another film that doesn't take the La Cosa Nostra as seriously.

Gangster comedies like The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight and Some Like It Hot are early examples of gangland gigglers.

This weekend Robert De Niro, who won an Oscar playing Vito Corleone in The Godfather: Part II, and Michelle Pfeiffer, who played a gangster's moll in Scarface, team up for The Family, a darkly comedic mafia movie.

The film also features Sopranos star Dominic "Junior Soprano" Chianese and Vincent "Big Pussy" Pastore in a story about notorious crime family the Manzoni's, who find themselves relocated to Normandy, France as part of the witness protection program. Trouble is, they have some difficulty blending in with the locals.

This isn't the first time De Niro has played his tough guy image for laughs. In Analyze This and its sequel Analyze That, he's Paul Vitti, a mob boss who suffers from panic attacks.

To help him through he hires psychiatrist Dr. Ben Sobel (Billy Crystal).

"What is my goal here?" asks the doctor. "To make you a happy, well-adjusted gangster?"

The first movie was a big hit — both commercially and critically, but the second one didn't fare as well. Roger Ebert wrote, "what seemed like a clever idea the first time feels like a retread the second."

In The Whole Nine Yards former hit man Jimmy the Tulip has trouble adapting to life on the right side of the law.

As played by Bruce Willis he's in hiding after ratting out members of Chicago's deadly Gogolak gang.

When his identity is discovered by his neighbour (Matthew Perry) Jimmy has to reluctantly revert to old habits to survive.

"It's not important how many people I've killed," he says. "What's important is how I get along with the people who are still alive."

Years before Pride and Prejudice and Zombies became an unexpected literary hit, Hollywood co-opted the marquee value of Jane Austin's name. Director Jim Abrahams of Naked Gun and Top Secret fame looked to the underworld for the inspiration of Jane Austin's Mafia.

A spoof movie that draws heavily on Martin Scorsese's Casino (and not so much on Austin's oeuvre) it marked Lloyd Bridges' last appearance on the big screen, playing a Mafia godfather.

The flick is a quick watch. It runs for a scant 84 minutes, six of which are taken up with credits.

Jane Lynch. PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

There will be no Glee in Lynch's divorce

Apparently Jane Lynch's divorce from Lara Embry will be an expensive one, as the Glee star is reportedly being asked to pay more than $90,000 per month in spousal support to Embry for an annual total of $1.1 million, according to TMZ.

A document filed last week lists monthly expenses including $12,000 for entertainment, $5,000 for charitable donations and $4,500 for meals at restaurants, though $59,909 of the amount requested is meant to go toward "unknown" expenses. The pair separated earlier this summer after three years of marriage. Lynch seems OK with the development, at least, telling a photographer outside a West Hollywood café,

"I think it's the law, isn't it? I think it's the law, so I go with the law."

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The Word

Demi Lovato's all a-Twitter this year with two book deals

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Demi Lovato's tweets are being turned into a book, the Macmillan imprint Feiwel and Friends announced on Monday.

"Staying Strong: 365 Days a Year will be a powerful 365 day collection of Demi's most honest, brave and hopeful insights," the press release states.

"Here are her own words, with quotes that inspire her, as well as personal reflections and goals. This is a book for everyone, everywhere, on their own journey who need comfort, inspiration and a reason every day to stay strong."

The book will be available on Nov. 19 with a Spanish edition, titled Se Fuerte: 365 Dias Al Ano on Dec. 3.

A memoir by the singer and actress is also in the works.

Lovato is taking over all media in 2013, it seems. In addition to working on this two-book deal, she'll be judging The X Factor, as well as appearing on Glee this fall. The singer and actress will play a love interest for ex-cheerleader Santana.

"She's playing my love interest, so I'm very, very excited about that. We get to sing a song together," Naya Rivera, who plays Santana, told MTV.

Sandra Bullock

Bullock's boy has a man-crush on Clooney

When it comes to giving her three-year-old son, Louis, some time with a male role model, Sandra Bullock doesn't bother with half-measures.

She goes straight to George Clooney.

"My son thinks he's a very cool dude," she told reporters at the Toronto International Film Festival while promoting Gravity, her new film with Clooney for director Alfonso Cuaron. "If there's a choice between me (and) George and Alfonso, my son will leave me to be with George and these guys. He's a boy's boy, so he has to go talk to the men."

James Franco

Franco flattered by gay jokes at roast

James Franco wasn't bothered by all the gay jokes hurled his way at his recent Comedy Central roast. In fact, he welcomes them.

"Bring on the gay jokes," he tells the Daily Beast. "Because these aren't insults at all. I don't even care if people think I'm gay, so it was like, awesome! I mean, I wish I was… I wish I was gay."

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@kirstiealley
soooo...I made the grave mistake of wearing very high, very painful shoes to film in today...oh my God Im in hell!!!!!

@SethMacFarlane
When Dudley Moore switched bodies with Kirk Cameron in "Like Father Like Son", why didn't Kirk Cameron have an English accent?

One of the towering plant sculptures that covered the grounds of the Montreal Botanical Gardens. Cyclists who want to ride the P'tit Train du Nord rail trail can catch a bicycle shuttle outside Montreal at Saint-Jerome. R.M. GREEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

I would not bike 3,000 miles

Just to be the person who did the entire corridor. You're better off choosing a smaller chunk when cycling Quebec's La Route Verte

Quebec's 3,000-mile bicycle network, La Route Verte, has attracted plenty of buzz since National Geographic named it the world's top cycling destination in 2007. But who's got time for 3,000 miles? Most cyclists will want to plan a trip for a few days or a week, and that takes, well, legwork.

That legwork unfolded over months and included scrolling through goofily translated French-to-English web pages in search of useful information. It culminated with rides on two distinct routes in late summer: the P'tit Train du Nord (Little Train of the North) rail trail, running for more than 160 km north of Montreal; and a staggeringly beautiful stretch along the St. Lawrence River from Quebec City east toward the Gaspe Peninsula. This route is also a compelling trip by car.

Route Verte, or green way, is a carefully managed network of off-road trails, dedicated bike lanes and quiet country roads, sometimes linked by moderately busy roadways with decent shoulders — nothing too hair-raising. Its routes

The green way is the easy way

It's about as close to being coddled as self-supported cycling gets.

have shuttle services, and accredited establishments are obliged to offer healthy, hearty food, safe storage for bikes and access to repairs and shelter. Inspectors come around to check on that. It's about as close to being coddled as self-supported cycling gets.

The P'tit Train du Nord journey went down smooth and easy — call it the milk chocolate dip. About half is paved; the rest is fine-crushed stone. Towns pop up where you need them as you sweep past placid lakes, rushing waters and mixed stands of hardwood and softwood forest.

The St. Lawrence is more intense, an explosion of garden flowers, wildflowers, dramatic river vistas, commanding churches in storybook villages and gastronomic adventures. Call it the Classique Noir dip of the ice cream shop.

In both areas, it's hit and miss trying to converse in English in small towns or rural areas, though easier in cities and at tourist attractions. But efforts by visitors to try even a bit of tortured French are welcomed.

So is Quebec worthy of the world's best biking destination?

The Little Train of the North pulls its weight as an enticing bike trail, probably better than the St. Lawrence for families and anyone who doesn't want to mess with a single car while on the bike. For American cyclists, though, there are equally terrific rail trails that may be closer to home.

Route Verte 1, however, is surely in a league of its own. Its farther reaches will be what draw cyclists back, with a pit stop, of course, for ice cream, if the poutine do the trick first.

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They'll always have the Yukon

ON THE MOVE
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As the inaugural season of Amazing Race Canada comes to an action-packed close, I checked in with London, Ont.based fan favourites, Jet Black and Dave Schram, who were eliminated in the Newfoundland stretch of the challenge.

What was your favourite destination?
Dave : Yukon. It blew my mind.
Jet: The Yukon was stunning. At one point we're on a frozen lake, a short ATV ride later we're in a desert and it's all surrounded by white mountains.

Favourite challenge?
Dave: The football challenge in Mosaic Stadium. I am a huge sports fan and know what the Roughriders mean to all of Saskatchewan.
Jet: That whole leg. The RCMP challenge — people thought I would excel, but the amount of times that the London police have inspected my bed — zero. I had a lot of fun with the inspector. He was initially disappointed in me. I told him I am sorry I don't know how to fold the socks the way the Queen Mother requires.
Least favourite challenge?
Jet: Eating muktuk. The thick skin was like chewing on a car tire and they were way too big to just pop in your mouth. It was a super sour, tangy, fishy mess that was not like the sushi I am used to.
Dave: Running around Chinatown in Vancouver for four hours before we switched tasks. We didn't know what to do. It was so unclear. That was an important lesson we learned, … when the going gets tough, give up!

Where would you like to go back to?
Jet: Nova Scotia. The reality of Race is while you are doing it, you don't necessarily get to see much. I had never been east of Quebec before.
Dave: Kelowna. To waterski in the Okanagan and ski Big White in the same day would be amazing.

That's just the way it goes

"The reality of Race is while you are doing it, you don't necessarily get to see much."
Jet Black

What would you change if you could start the race again?

Jet: What I would pack. I brought a backpack full of protein powder and protein bars. Some warmer clothing or maps would have come in handy.
Dave: Take French lessons. Igloo building. I think they should start offering igloo building in university because clearly it's something every Canadian should know how to do.

FINALE AIRS MONDAY, SEPT. 16 ON CTV.

Jet Black and Dave Schram wish they hadn't packed so many damn protein bars and took some igloo-building lessons before embarking on the Race. CONTRIBUTED

Culinary adventures: Karisma and Essex

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News in New York

The great escape: Karisma Hotels & Resorts' Culinary Series

Besides the white sand, turquoise water, 13 swimming pools, a beach spa overlooking the horizon and excursions to nearby cenotes all luring you to the award-winning El Dorado Royale in the Riviera Maya, another reason to book a room at the resort is their new partnership with Jackson Family Wines.

During the first week of each month, top chefs and sommeliers will fly down and create a variety of culinary experiences for guests to enjoy. These include tastings, specialty dinners and cooking classes. Another cool epicurean feature: The property includes an organic greenhouse which produces vegetables and herbs used in the dishes served. Your Instagram feed will make friends jealous with more than just sunsets and swim-up bars. karismahotels.com.

The Essex Resort & Spa's Chef in Training package

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Currently, the class schedule is packed with themes like making salsas, sauces and chutneys and cooking with farmers market bounty.

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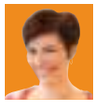

NUTRI-BITES
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Proving it's cheap to eat well, deliciously, simply and healthy should be the job of a superhero. But, in the absence of her, here goes.

This soup takes mere minutes to assemble, less than 30 to simmer and provides 17 grams of protein, 78 per cent of your fibre for the day and only 350 calories per serving.

The tea biscuits round it out to a hearty meal.

It's Wonder Soup Woman!

Eat cheap (and healthy)

The past three Wednesdays, Metro's Theresa Albert has served up easy to make and healthy recipes that are perfect for families or starving students. Don't forget to look for the final recipes in the series on Sept. 18.

Ingredients

Soup
- 2 tsp butter ($0.06)
- 1 small onion, chopped ($0.88)
- 2 cups lentils ($0.98)
- 2 small red potatoes, chopped ($0.75)
- 2 carrots, chopped ($0.25)
- 1 litre broth ($2)
- 6 cups water
- 2 tsp dried basil ($0.06)
- 2 cups tomato juice ($1.25)
- 3 tbsp molasses ($0.25)
- 3/4 cup white wine – optional ($1)

Total$7.48/ per serving $0.94

Biscuits
- 1 tbsp lemon juice ($0.22)
- 2.5 cups milk ($0.66)
- 3 cups all-purpose flour ($0.50)
- 1 cup whole wheat flour ($0.25)
- 3 tbsp baking powder ($0.20)
- 1/2 tsp sea salt ($0.01)
- 1 tsp dried basil ($0.05)
- 1 cup wheat germ ($0.30)
- 1/2 cup butter ($0.50)

Total $2.44/ per serving (2 biscuits) $0.20

Soup

1. In a very large pot, heat butter over medium heat and add onions, cook 4 min to soften.

2. Stir in lentils, potatoes and carrots. Add broth and water; reduce heat to simmer 20 min. Add basil, salt, pepper, tomato juice, molasses and wine if using. Bring to simmer. Cover, simmer 5 min.

Wheat Germ and Herb Tea Biscuits

1. Preheat oven to 425. F.

2. Stir lemon juice into milk to sour.

3. Stir flours, baking powder, salt, basil and wheat germ together. Cut in butter with 2 knives and mash with a fork until the dough looks like peas. Start with 2 cups of milk to make a stiff dough and work it together into a ball. Do not over work. Add more liquid as needed.

4. Roll out and use a cookie cutter or inverted juice glass to cut small rounds.

5. Bake on a cookie sheet for 10-15 minutes until lightly browned.

Sweet Lentil Soup

This recipe serves eight. ISTOCK

Drink of the Week

Grey Goose Entre Vous

Hang on to summer as long as you can with this delicious combination of Grey Goose vodka and exotic guava juice.

- 1.25 oz Grey Goose La Poire Vodka
- 1.7 5 oz guava juice
- .25 oz freshly squeezed lemon juice, strained
- 1 bar spoon of simple syrup
- 1 bar spoon of Maraschino liqueur
- 1 dash of Angostura Bitters
- .5 oz flat water

Add all the ingredients to a shaker with cubed ice and shake hard. Strain into a chilled coupette and finish with a twist of lemon.

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Dessert. Date & Honey Zucchini Bread

1. Set rack in centre of oven. Heat oven to 350 F. Mist Bundt pan with baking spray.

2. In bowl, whisk both flours, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set aside.

3. In bowl, whisk eggs until well beaten. Stir in honey, oil and vanilla, then fold in zucchini.

4. Add dry ingredients and chopped dates to zucchini mixture. Stir just until dry ingredients just moisten. Do not over mix.

5. Pour batter into prepared bundt pan. Bake until toothpick inserted at centre of loaf comes out clean and dry, 50 to 60 minutes. Let cool in pan 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Serve warm.

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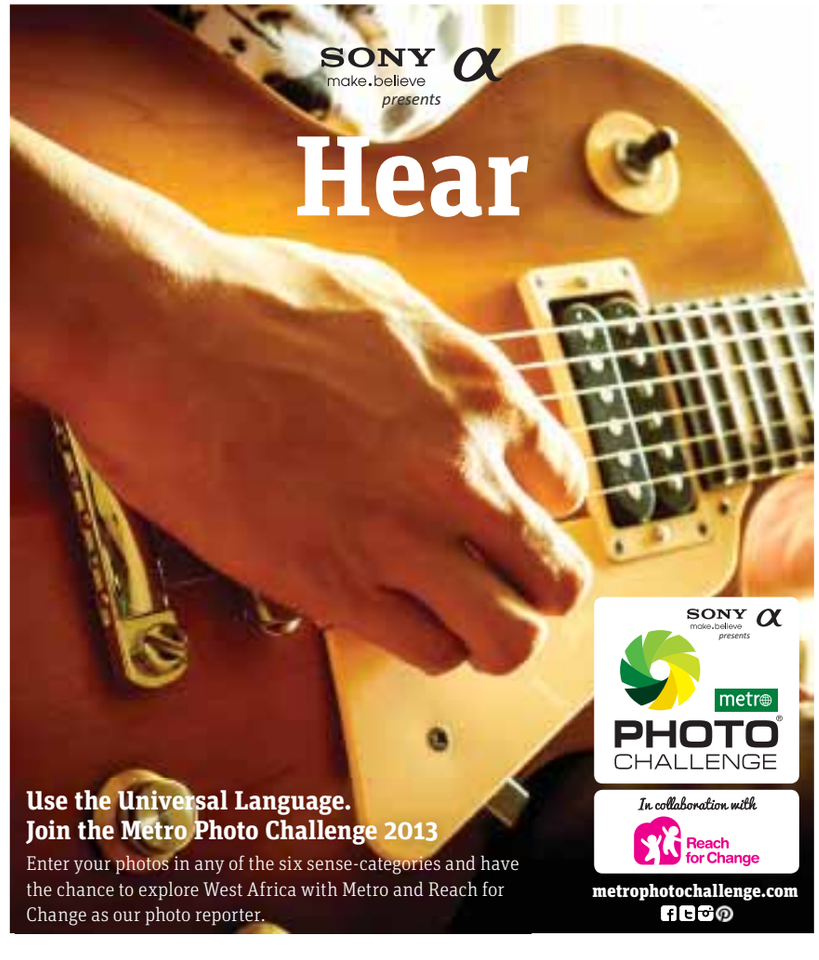
Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting the pan
- 1 1/2 cups white whole-wheat flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 3/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups packed shredded zucchini (not peeled)
- 1 cup coarsely chopped medjool dates



How many ways can you say employed?

At work. Knowing other languages in a country like Canada can give you a great advantage

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Did you know that around 20 per cent of Canada's population speak a language at home that's neither French nor English? That's nearly 6.6 million people who are comfortable interacting with others in one of more than 200 non-official languages.

Being bilingual or multilingual in a culturally diverse country like Canada can open countless doors for you while job hunting. Make those skills immediately visible on your resumé (for example, mention it in your job objective)!

Don't have another language under your belt? There's always time to learn! You could sign up for night classes, or even teach yourself via a book or computer program.

If you still need some convincing about the value of language in the workplace, then check out these five industries where a second (or third, or fourth) language can help you hatch your career:

Health care

Health care is a stable field to work in, since it's a pretty important service. Having the use of an alternate language will make you an asset to any health-care team and will also position you to work on the administrative side of things anywhere in the country.

POTENTIAL JOBS: REGISTERED NURSE, PARAMEDIC, PHARMACIST, MEDICAL RESEARCHER

Travel

Whether you're at a hotel or resort, or are up at 30,000 feet in a plane, getting away from it all can go from a relaxing idea to a frustrating experience if there are communication barriers.

Speaking multiple languages is a skill that could make you indispensable to a hospitality or travel team. Plus, the opportunity to explore new places isn't a bad job perk.

POTENTIAL JOBS: RESORT MANAGER, AIRLINE STEWARD/STEWARDESS, FRONT DESK REPRESENTATIVE

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Education

Since you're lucky enough to have a skill that is invaluable in many situations, why not impart some of this knowledge to those with a desire to learn it?

Education is an extremely rewarding career path. Your contributions could help someone hatch a career.

POTENTIAL JOBS: CURRICULUM SPECIALIST, ESL INSTRUCTOR, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Customer service

Providing customer service will be much more effective if both parties can communicate clearly.

Being bilingual or multilingual will allow you to serve a greater number of customers, which will give your company a greater scope of potential clients — something that will definitely please both your employer and your customers.

POTENTIAL JOBS: SALES CLERK, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, HOST OR HOSTESS

Social services

Social service covers a huge range of work and includes dedicated work with those in need. In this field, it's critical to eliminate as many language barriers as possible to ensure that every client's unique needs are being met.

POTENTIAL JOBS: CHILD WELFARE WORKER, SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKER, SOCIAL WORK ADMINISTRATOR

A job that allows you to put your bilingual or multilingual skills to work can be a rewarding and exciting direction for your career. Next time you're job hunting, pay close attention to those seeking candidates with additional language skills.

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Tips to make working from home work

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One of the greatest advantages for gen Ys entering the workforce is the increase in alternative, more flexible office environments.

Working from home is one of the biggest trends companies are incorporating into their corporate culture. There are many perks to working from home: no commute, travel expenses, or dress code policies, to name a few.

While rare, students or new grads may be given the opportunity to work partially or completely from home.

The following tips will help you make working from home a positive and productive experience:

Visit your coworkers

Set dates to go into the office and interact with your colleagues face to face. You will develop stronger relationships with your coworkers and remind them that you are more than daily emails in their inbox.

Define your work space

As a student or new grad, space may be limited, but defining an area as your "office" or "work desk" is an ideal way to work effectively at home. It will help establish a routine and keep you from getting distracted.

Can you be just as productive working from home? ISTOCK

Keep your workspace organized

Even though your coworkers and managers might not be around, it's important to keep your work area tidy. Having a messy office space at home becomes overwhelming and distracting when trying to complete your job responsibilities.

Check in and check out

Schedule your work hours as if you were going to the office every day. If your coworkers work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., your hours should be similar. This establishes a healthy routine, creates effective communication channels between you and your colleagues and ensures you don't impede their productivity.

MLB

Trumbo, Angels bash Blue Jays

Josh Hamilton drove in four runs and Mark Trumbo had a career-best five hits and equalled a club record with four extra-base hits on Tuesday as the Los Angeles Angels defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 12-6.

Trumbo hit three doubles, a single and a solo home run to drive in two runs and Hamilton had two singles and a solo home run as the Angels snapped a six-game winning streak by left-hander Mark Buehrle (11-8).

Trumbo became the first Angels player with five hits and five runs in one game.

Erick Aybar also hit a solo homer and Chris Iannetta hit a two-run homer as the Angels (68-76) stopped a two-game slide.

Anthony Gose hit his first career grand slam and Rajai Davis hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays (67-77), who had won their previous three games and 10 of 13. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympics

Bach next in line as IOC president

Longtime favourite Thomas Bach was elected president of the International Olympic Committee on Tuesday, keeping the powerful sports body in European hands.

Bach, a 59-year-old German lawyer, succeeds Jacques Rogge, the Belgian who is stepping down after 12 years.

Bach defeated five candidates in the secret balloting. He received 49 votes in the second round to secure a winning majority. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blades goalie Nathan Alalouf stops a shot by the Pats' Braden Christoffer on Tuesday night at Credit Union Centre. SIMON HIATT/FOR METRO

Pats sharper than Blades in overtime

WHL. Regina resilient in erasing three separate deficits before D'Amico scores winner in extra frame

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WHL pre-season

Pats	Blades
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After starting their pre-season with a pair of 4-3 defeats, the Regina Pats prevailed by that score in overtime over the Saskatoon Blades on Tuesday night at Credit Union Centre.

Saskatoon was outshot in the first 16-3 but tallied first as Ryan Pruden scored an unassisted goal. But the Pats had an almost-immediate answer as Austin Wagner was set up by Stephen Hak and Rykr Cole 45 seconds later.

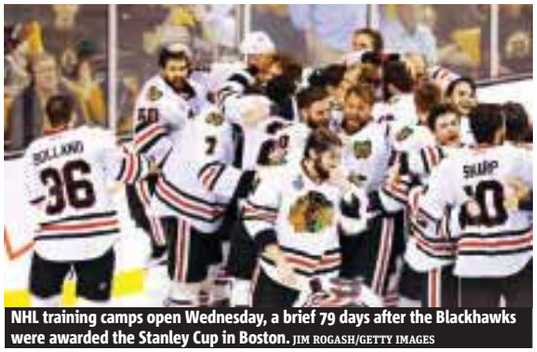
In the second period, Saskatoon scored shorthanded when Cameron Heybig took advantage of a Pats turnover. Ryan Graham was credited with the assist.

Again the Pats didn't waste any time in answering. On the power play 56 seconds later, Adam Brooks beat Blades netminder Nathan Alalouf.

At 12:56 in the second it was Saskatoon taking advantage of the extra man, Nick Zajac beat Teagan Sacher while on the power play.

Hak notched his third assist of the night late in the third as he and Braden Christoffer set up Jack Rodewald for the goal that would send the game to overtime, where the Pats would take their first lead of the night and win the game 4-3 on a Patrick D'Amico goal, assisted by Colby Williams.

Summer's over, now get ready for camp



NHL training camps open Wednesday, a brief 79 days after the Blackhawks were awarded the Stanley Cup in Boston. JIM ROGASH/GETTY IMAGES

For hockey players, time is relative.

The Pittsburgh Penguins getting swept out of the playoffs has Evgeni Malkin itching to get back on the ice with his teammates.

"I miss hockey," he said. "It's (a) long summer."

Yet it's actually the NHL's shortest summer in recent history. Training camps open around the league Wednesday, just 79 days after the Chicago Blackhawks wrapped up the lockout-shortened 2013 season by winning the Stanley Cup.

"I think for us, it's a short off-season but we're excited to go back to camp and be together with a team again, get things started and just get back to our daily job as hockey players," Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews said last week.

Condensing a 48-game regular season starting mid-January made for a June 24 ending. The draft and free agency came and went in a blur.

Blackhawks players got to celebrate with a parade and now must shift focus to the business of trying to repeat their win. For players from the runner-up Boston Bruins and everyone else, preparations for training camp have been underway for a while.

It doesn't seem to matter that the off-season was so brief.

"From how you prepare for a season I don't think it has any effect," Winnipeg Jets left-winger Andrew Ladd said. "I think you would always usually come into town a couple weeks early and skate with the guys and start preparing for the season." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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DRIVE

When life gives you lemons, sell them

Autopilot. Gloomy writer Vonnegut's real-life tale of him selling Saabs in the '60s was a joy to read

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Kurt Vonnegut sold, and wrote about, two-stroke Saabs, like this early Saab 96. CONTRIBUTED

I just love it when a great author "goes automotive." Kurt Vonnegut does so on occasion in his 2005 collection of essays, A Man Without a Country, which I re-read last weekend.

It's dark stuff. He is very critical of the human race, and not too optimistic about our future, but he always delivers his news with such humour and elegant prose that you want him to keep going — keep telling us why we suck so much.

Consider this rant: "Evolution can go to hell as far as I am concerned. What a mistake we are. We have mortally wounded this sweet life-supporting planet — the only one in the whole Milky Way — with a century of transportation whoopee."

Ouch. I'm a deep practitioner of this kind of whoopee. So are a lot of other people.

But he kind of used to be one of us. Kind of. I didn't know Vonnegut used to be the owner and manager of an automobile dealership until I read his essay, I Used to be the Owner and Manager of an Automobile Dealership.

This was back in the 1960s, and he sold Saabs. He didn't think much of them.

"Unlike other cars, but like your lawn mower and outboard, it had a two-stroke rather than a four-stroke engine. So every time you filled your gas, you had to pour in a can of oil as well. For whatever reason, straight women did not want to do this."

Even if straight women did this, the oil and gas thing presented problems whenever you left your Saab parked for a length of time.

"The oil would separate from the gas and sink like molasses to the bottom of the tank," writes Vonnegut. "So when you started up again, you would lay down a smokescreen like a destroyer in a navel engagement.

"And I actually blacked out the whole town of Woods Hole at high noon that way, having left a Saab in the parking lot there for about a week. I am told old timers there still wonder out loud where all the smoke could have come from."

A stroke of bad luck

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Author Kurt Vonnegut
On the early model Saabs he used to sell for a living

In all the essays in this book Vonnegut is either bemoaning what people have done or become, or joking about it, or explaining why jokes are necessary.

Author Kurt Vonnegut. CONTRIBUTED

He believes humour and art are how a lot of us cope and/or rail against fear, noting that most great works of literature "are all about what a bummer it is to be a human being."

It's Vonnegut's genius to simultaneously make the reader feel bummed out about human beings, but also proud of being one at the same time.

Consider this excerpt about when he was a POW in Dresden during the Second World War: "While we were being bombed in Dresden, sitting in a cellar with our arms over our heads in case the ceiling fell, one soldier said as though he were a duchess in a mansion on a cold and rainy night, 'I wonder what the poor people are doing tonight.' Nobody laughed, but we were still all glad he said it."

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You can charm the birds out of the trees today, but your long-term interests would be better served if you charm a wage rise out of your boss. Make sure you know your own value, and make sure you get it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you let others make decisions for you today, their efforts are likely to fall short of what you require. Whatever tasks come your way, do them yourself.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The challenges coming your way may be tough but you have what it takes to make the best of them, by getting the best from yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you need to enlist other people's help then speak up. As Venus moves into the most dynamic area of your chart, you will find ways to bring your charisma and can-do spirit together. It's a winning combination.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Even Leos find the going tough sometimes and if you have a problem of some kind today, you must ask for help. The longer you pretend everything is going fine, the bigger the fall-out when it all gets too much.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have a way with words but sometimes you say too much or speak in too aggressive a tone. With Venus moving into the communications area of your chart today that isn't a problem though.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You need to find a way to strike a better balance between work and family issues. If you know you won't be able to meet certain obligations then say so.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Petty victories are just that — petty. As of today, you must raise your sights and focus only on battles that are worthy of your talents. One major battle won is worth a thousand skirmishes of no consequence.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have to do something you don't much enjoy but if you adopt the right attitude and do a good job, you may be surprised how rewarding it is.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Confidence is your most potent weapon and if you act as if nothing can possibly go wrong, today most likely nothing will. The universe has a way of rewarding those who take a carefree, can-do attitude to life.

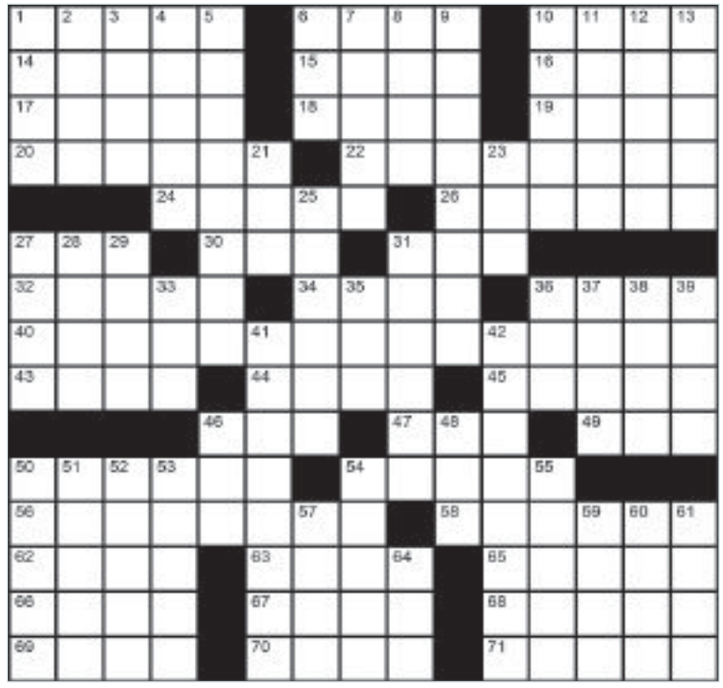
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your prospects are getting better and with values planet Venus moving into the career area of your chart today, the powers that be will look on you kindly. If you have a dream, let the world know.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This should be a wonderful time, especially if you are on the move. Whether you travel to the far side of the Earth or just down the road to see a friend, love and laughter will go with you every step of the way. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



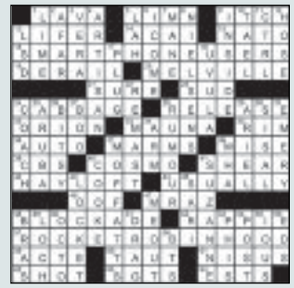
Across

1. Guy
6. Awestruck
10. Hunk
14. Sci-Fi flick starring Sigourney Weaver
15. Bill of fare
16. Stack
17. Hotel employee
18. Walk worriedly
19. Leave out
20. Main course
22. Confine
24. Patio places
26. Glam furniture piece
27. Distant
30. Casual top
31. Barley bristle
32. Surface
34. Catherine of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
36. Fashionable
40. It might lead government to keep things secret: 2 wds.
43. Acquire
44. Zero
45. Canada-England divider
46. On: French
47. Calligrapher's prop
49. "Hiss!"
50. Parka
54. Delighted the audience, __ the show
56. Be a tourist
58. Mr. Mandela
62. Auto race, __ 500
63. Put on payroll
65. Village People hit: "__ Man"
66. Judge
67. Advocate
68. Molecular bits
69. Eagle of the sea, variantly
70. Eager
71. Current affairs-ish

Down

1. Best-liked, commonly
2. Flair
3. Cheerful music
4. Wary
5. Aardvark
6. Music blaster
7. __ up for (Gets prepared)
8. Stevie Wonder's "For __ in My Life"
9. Band from Winnipeg, with The: 2 wds.
10. Hockey is a what?
11. Speed __
12. Lewis Carroll character
13. Hollywood legend Ms. Davis
21. Another time, in verse
23. X ...spelled in English
25. Credit card user
27. Speedy
28. Region
29. Humphrey's part in "Casablanca" (1942)
31. Topper of letter 'e' in French words, sometimes
33. Put a lawyer to work
35. Novelist Ms. Rand
36. 300, fancily
37. Haws partners
38. Mr. Gershwin, and others
39. Belonging to Wolf Blitzer's channel
41. Stone land marker of the Inuit to guide Arctic travellers
42. Aristocrat gent
46. Didn't stand
48. 'Creat' suffix
50. "All kidding __..."
51. San Francisco footballer, colloquially
52. Calgary neighbourhood
53. Make a poem, say
54. Mr. Savard, Hockey Hall of Famer
55. Make happy
57. Ireland
59. Bulk-carrying barge
60. Units of electrical resistance
61. Like a busybody, variantly
64. Dusk, to Donne

Yesterday's Crossword



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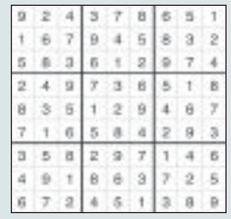
How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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